

CARE GIVING

Did you provide regular care for someone 60 years of age or older during the past month?

- Seventeen percent of Montana adults indicated that they had provided regular care to someone aged 60 or older in the past month.
- Females (20%) were more likely to respond “yes” than males (13%).
- Adults aged 45 to 64 (>21%) were more likely to indicate that they provided care than younger and older adults ($\leq 16\%$).
- More adults with annual household incomes of \$75,000 or more (24%) indicated that they had provided care than adults with lower annual household incomes (>18%), though data indicate a great deal of variability within income groups.

Who would you call to arrange care in the home for an elderly family member or friend?

- In 2000, 50% of Montana Adults responded that they did not know whom they would call to arrange for short- or long-term care. Fifteen percent ($\pm 2\%$) indicated that they would provide care themselves, 13% ($\pm 2\%$) would call a relative or friend, and 9% ($\pm 1\%$) would call a home health service.
- Males (57%) were more likely than females (43%) to respond that they did know whom they would call to arrange for care.
- Adults aged 18 to 24 and 64 and older (>57%) were more likely to respond that they did not know whom to call than adults aged 25 to 64 ($\leq 49\%$).
- Adults with less than a high school education (64%) responded more frequently that they did not know whom to call than adults with more education ($\leq 51\%$).

Table 11. Care Giving, Montana Adults, 2000 (with 95% confidence intervals).

	Did you provide care to someone 60 yrs or older in the past month			Don't know who to call to arrange care for an elderly friend or relative		
	Total No.	WT.%	CI	Total No.	WT.%	CI
All Adults: 2000	3010	16.6	14.8-18.3	3016	49.7	47.2-52.1
Sex:						
Male	1284	13.4	11.0-15.9	1288	56.9	53.3-60.5
Female	1726	19.5	16.9-22.1	1728	42.8	39.5-46.1
Age:						
18-24	228	8.6	4.4-12.7	229	58.3	49.7-66.9
25-34	418	14.7	10.2-19.2	418	49.1	43.1-55.2
35-44	678	15.7	12.1-19.2	676	44.6	39.3-49.9
45-54	645	21.0	16.6-25.4	646	45.8	40.6-50.9
55-64	416	24.9	19.1-30.7	418	45.1	38.5-51.6
65+	621	14.1	10.6-17.7	625	57.2	52.0-62.3
Education:						
<High School	283	13.3	8.2-18.3	285	64.4	56.5-72.3
High School	972	15.4	12.4-18.4	977	51.9	47.6-56.1
Some College	907	18.3	14.8-21.7	905	45.0	40.5-49.5
College Degree	846	17.0	13.7-20.4	847	47.8	43.3-52.2
Income:						
<\$15,000	287	14.1	8.5-19.7	289	48.3	39.9-56.7
\$15,000 - \$24,999	636	14.6	11.1-18.0	636	48.0	42.7-53.2
\$25,000 - \$49,999	902	17.7	14.3-21.1	901	45.6	41.1-50.1
\$50,000 - \$74,999	321	13.5	9.2-17.8	321	45.0	37.7-52.3
\$75,000+	200	23.7	16.0-31.4	200	41.4	32.4-50.3
Race:						
White, non-Hispanic	2595	16.2	14.3-18.0	2599	50.0	47.4-52.6
Non-white or Hispanic	405	18.8	12.8-24.9	407	44.7	37.4-52.1

Figure 10. Who Would be Called to Arrange Short- or Long-Term Care in the Home for an Elderly Friend or Relative, Montana Adults, 2000.

